

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

ITE&C Department – Optical Fiber Network implemented by Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Ltd (T-Fiber) in the State of Telangana – Clearance of Right of Way (ROW) for Project execution and Operations of T-Fiber – Orders – Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
(Electronics Wing)

G.O.Ms.No. 17

Dated: 14-12-2020

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.18, ITE&C Department, (Communications wing), Dt:17.10.2013.
2. Memo No. 2305/RWS.IV/2016 dated 3rd May 2016.
3. ACT No. 6 of 2015.

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ORDER:

The prestigious Telangana Fiber Grid project (T-Fiber) is being implemented for providing high speed broadband connectivity by laying Optical Fiber Cable Network to 83.5 lakh households covering in 12,751 Gram Panchayats, across 585 Mandals and 33 Districts initially and all Metro, Municipalities in the State of Telangana. The project is being executed by the State-owned company, namely Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited (T-Fiber), which is the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) created under companies ACT 2013, for implementation of this project. T-Fiber project in its implementation shall lay underground and aerial optic fiber cable from State Head Quarters to Districts, Mandals, Gram Panchayats/ Villages and upto individual homes and enterprises including all Government Offices. T-Fiber is establishing State-of-art Network operations centre (NOC) to monitor the network operations and maintenance. The project is to be executed in aggressive time lines and needs to be completed by the end of the 2022. The project consists of laying OFC in PLB HDPE ducts to a tune of 38,000 kms and out of which 18,000 kms ducting is done through Mission Bhagiratha. Balance 20,000 kms fresh trenching is to be executed in phase-I (ie., from State Head Quarter to Mandal to Gram Panchayat), while the other parts of the Network of about 50,000 kms (ie., from Gram Panchayat to Households) is in phase-II of Telangana Fiber Grid Project. Tender process for selection of Master System Integrators is concluded and awarded.

2. It is imperative that Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation shall have the Right of Way (RoW) to the project. Considering the ambitious timelines of the project and its socio-economic impact to the State of Telangana, the following are required.

- a) Telangana Fiber Grid Project is hereby be declared as a “**Vital Public Purpose Project**”.
- b) Right of way permissions for laying Optical Fiber networks (including underground - Open trench/HDD/Any other method and aerial) in urban and rural local bodies across the State is given duly Waived off all the charges for Telangana Fiber Grid Project, similar to NOFN project phase-1 (where no ROW charges were levied by the State vide G.O.Ms.No. 18, dated 17.10.2013, considering the assets created are primarily for the benefit of the local communities) to all areas under the jurisdiction of the State Government Departments including urban and rural local bodies of the State & all Public Sector Undertakings of the State Government & any institution set up by any ACT of the State Government. T-Fiber will only give Five days prior intimation to all the authorities concerned before the trenching / laying of optical fiber cable for the Telangana Fiber Grid Project. However, approvals in Forest areas, Railways and National Highways (NHAI) will be taken up separately.

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- c) For aerial OFC routes, access to electric and lighting poles, Substations and related infrastructure of Telangana State Electricity department, DISCOMs i.e., TSSPDCL (Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Ltd) and TSNPDCL (Telangana State Northern Power Distribution Company Ltd), ULB's and Gram Panchayats/Villages etc., are permitted to be utilized by Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation through their authorized agencies with duly waiving all the charges. No further permissions other than intimation to concerned bodies will be required to be taken.

The Power Discoms in Telangana State, TSSPDCL (Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Ltd) and TSNPDCL (Telangana State Northern Power Distribution Company Ltd) shall provide Electricity connections on top priority on payment basis to the T-Fiber Point of Presence (PoP) locations at District/Mandal/Village offices.

- d) All RoW permissions and / or Acts accorded to Mission Bhagiratha & NOFN / BharatNet Phase I projects execution will be equally applicable to Telangana Fiber Grid project and no separate approval is needed from State Government Departments to be taken by Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Ltd.
- e) All Rights of permissions to access 24 hours at the State Government Buildings at village/Gram Panchayat office, Mandal Parishad office, Zilla Parishad Office, Collectorate or any other Government office at Village/ Mandal /District level across the State is accorded to Telangana Fiber Grid project for housing the Network components for successful implementation and operation of Fiber Network. This will apply for all areas under the jurisdiction of the State Government Departments including urban and rural local bodies of the State & all Public Sector Undertakings of the State Government & any institution set up by any Act of the State Government.

The concerned Head of the above offices will provide the necessary space (1000 sft at District/Zilla level, 500 sft at Mandal level and 250 sft at GP's level) free of cost to Telangana Fiber Grid project for housing the Network equipment/Infrastructure. The safety and security of the network equipment/infrastructure installed will be the responsibility of the panchayat secretary at Gram Panchayat / Village level, respective officer in charge or his authorized representative at Mandal level and District levels. Necessary action in this regard shall be taken by Panchayat Raj or all the Departments on urgent basis.

All charges such as rent, administrative and any other kinds of fees or charges are waived off for this project. This will apply for all buildings under the jurisdiction of the State Government Departments including urban and rural local bodies of the State & all Public Sector Undertakings of the State Government & any institution set up by an Act of the State Government.

- f) All administrative Departments will issue instructions to their field units in the form of a circular to strictly adhere to the above decisions, so that Right of Way (RoW) for digging, trenching, laying of duct and / or optic fiber cable, access to buildings, installation, commissioning, and subsequent maintenance of active/passive infrastructure is implemented smoothly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**JAYESH RANJAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, R&B Dept., Hyderabad.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest., (HoFF) Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Dept., Hyderabad.

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The Commissioner & Director, Municipal Administration, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation Dept., Hyderabad.

The CMD, TSSPDCL, Hyderabad.

The CMD, TSNPDCL, Warangal.

All District Collectors.

All District Superintendent of Polices.

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The Prl. Secretary to Government, Forest Department, Telangana Secretariat.

The Prl. Secretary to Government, ITE&C Department, Telangana Secretariat.

The Prl. Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Telangana Secretariat.

The Prl. Secretary to Government, Energy Department, Telangana Secretariat.

The Managing Director, T-Fiber, Hyderabad.

The PS to Secretary to Hon'ble CM

The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for IT.

The P.A. to Prl.Secretary, ITE&C Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.

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